

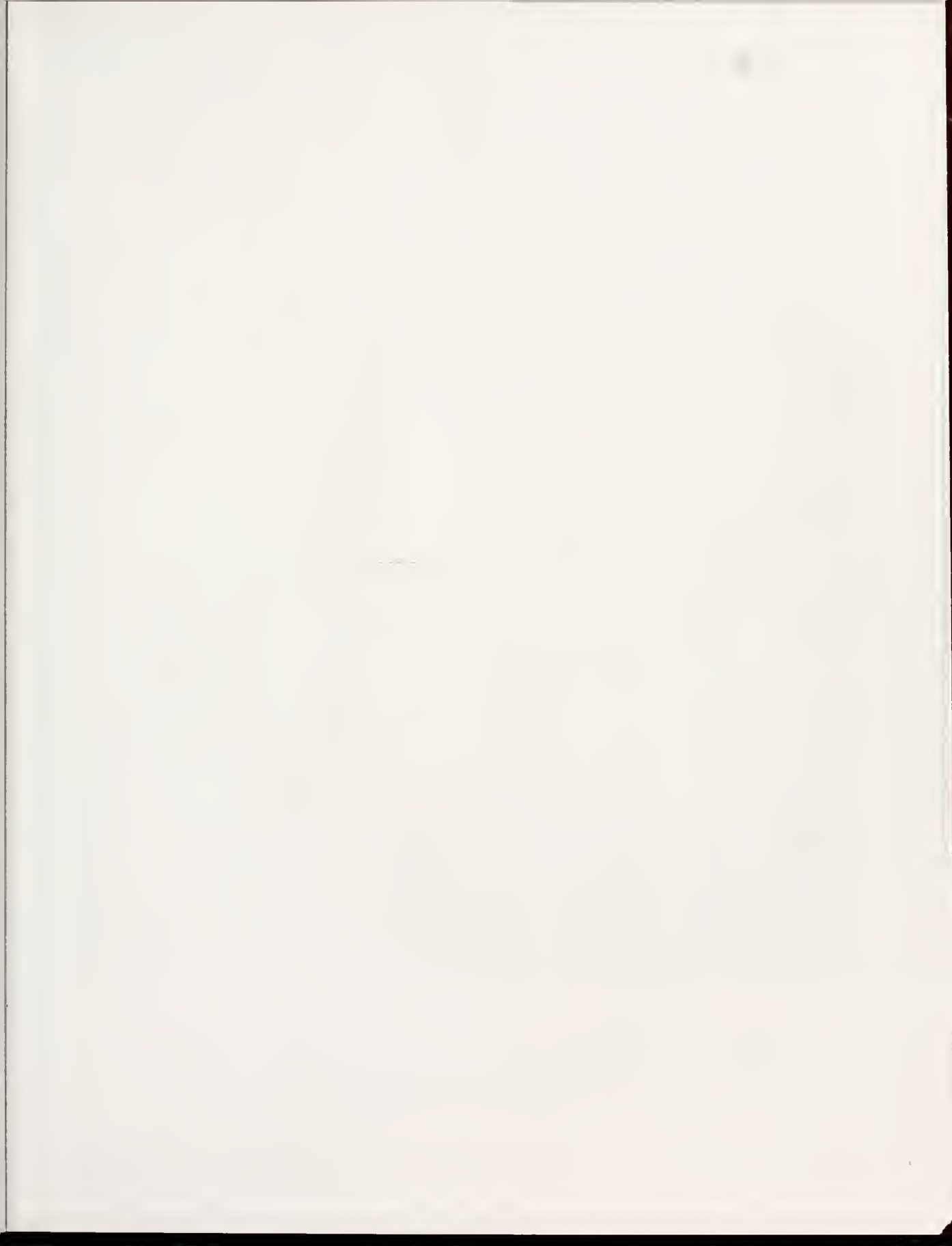


# Belmont Abbey College

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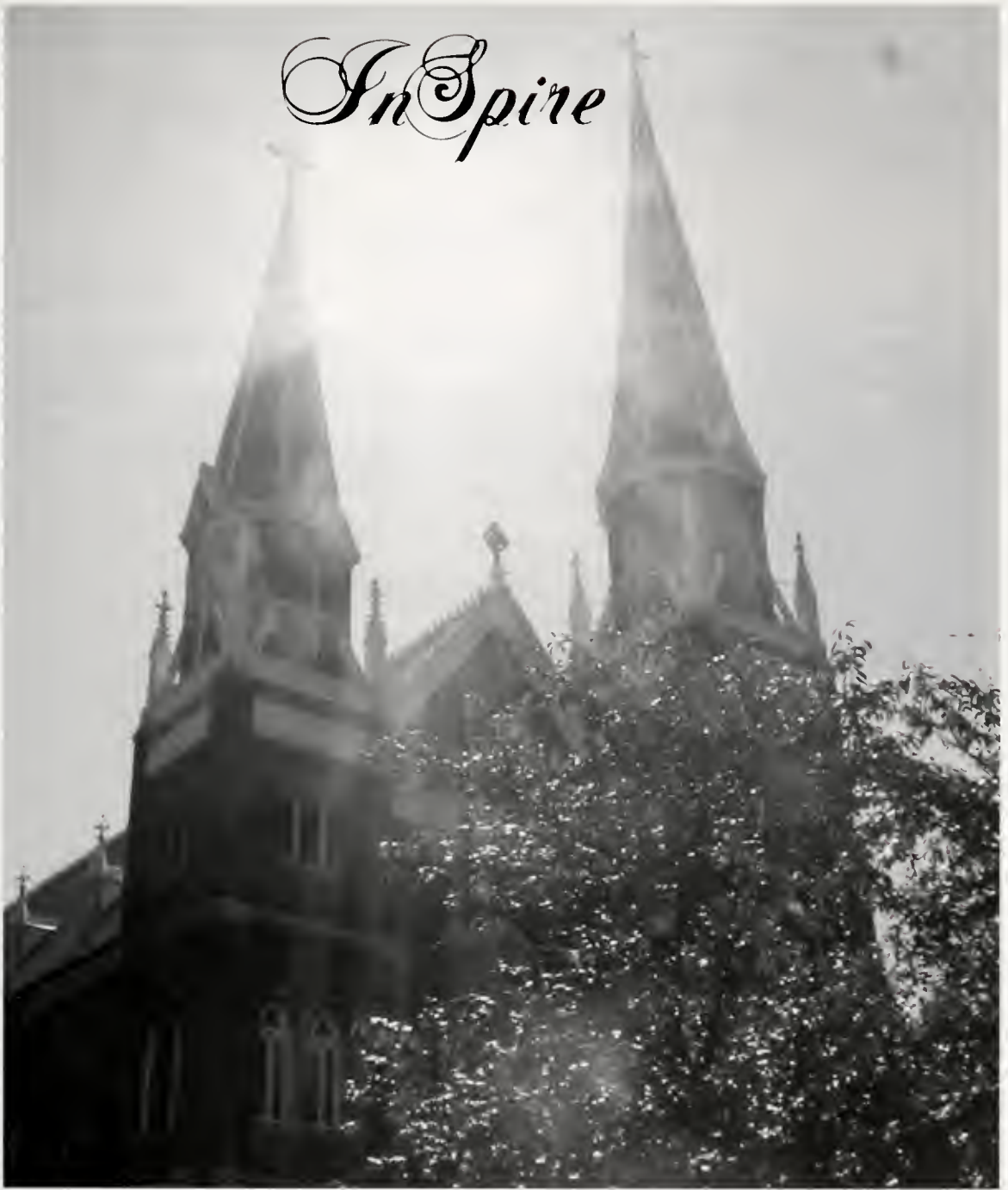








# *In Spire*



**"We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence, plus character, that is the goal of true education."**

**~Martin Luther King, Jr.~**

"Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart."

*-The Rule of Saint Benedict*



"Mother Theresa said, 'In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.' To me, this is Lawrence."

-Fr. David Kessinger, OSB

**Fr. Lawrence on campus life:**

"We need to go out and stir up some trouble on this campus! Let's have a wild and crazy time!"

"In regards to my monastery, I have never loved anything in this world more completely, nor ever will."

*- St. Anselm*

*Fr. Lawrence R. Willis, O.S.B.*

1939 - 2003



The 2004-2005 Spire is dedicated to the memory of our beloved Fr. Lawrence Willis - Father, teacher, monk, friend. We miss you, Fr. Lawrence - please pray for us.



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# *InSide*



Br. Michael Boes '02: Got Milk?

**Student Life----In the Scene**

**Organizations---In the Club**

**Academics-----In Class**

**Sports-----In Motion**

**People-----In the Crowd**

**Community-----In & About**



Dennis Dotson and Austin Scott discuss the impending presidential election during the first Kerry-Bush debate.

# Inspiration

"Since the summer of 2003, I, my wife and my seven children have been privileged to call Belmont Abbey College home. It may sound strange to call the place that you work "home," but that's what it's like to be at a place like this. We worship at the Basilica and participate in Eucharistic Adoration, we play here and we attend cultural and athletic events. Many of our new found friends since our move from Pennsylvania are a part of the Abbey family; prominent among them are the monks of Belmont Abbey. Benedictine hospitality has taken us in and made us feel most welcome."

-Mike Pressimone, VP of Institutional Advancement



"I have loved being at Belmont Abbey. I have grown so much as a person: intellectually, spiritually, and socially. I will always be grateful to this college for all it has given to me, and I will always have fond memories and life long friends to remind me of it."

Emily McKay '06



Elizabeth Elliott- Class of '05: "Home doesn't even begin to describe it... looking back on freshman year, I will never forget my parents pulling up to the freshman dorms and saying 'OK- this is it!' Homesickness was starting to kick in, and I did not know if Belmont Abbey was really the right place for me.

I shortly learned that this place was different from other campuses. The Abbey is the one place where everyone can be themselves. It is a place that nourishes community and individuality. The friends I have made at the Abbey will always stand out in my mind as some of the most compassionate people, who would do anything at the drop of a hat to help someone. It is the people that make the Abbey what it is.

While May 2005 seems so far away, I know it is just around the corner. The Abbey will always be a part of me. It has inspired me to reach out and serve others. There truly is no place quite like the Abbey. The Abbey has left an everlasting imprint on my life. Hopefully when I graduate in May, I can say that I have helped to make the Abbey a better place- and left a little part of myself there."

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with much." Luke 12:48

"What continues to inspire me at the Abbey is the monks. Their stability, holiness, and love for the college bring life to the campus that cannot be found anywhere else."



Betsy Cunneen '07



On Leaving the Abbey...

"Here's to you and yours  
And to mine and ours  
And if mine and ours  
Ever come across you and yours  
I hope you and yours will do  
As much for mine and ours  
As mine and ours have done  
For you and yours!" - an Irish toast

Thanks for the memories, BAC!

Sean Dunne '05

"The theater - it has become a place where I can be myself by acting like someone else."



**Luke Lenahan '05**



Dr. Natalie Cote (Associate Professor of Psychology & Adrian Faculty Excellence Award recipient) on being successful: "Read, read, read and read some more. Read anything!"



"Good things come in small packages and take advantage of opportunity."

**Jessica Taylor '07**



"The monks have been incredibly inspiring to me during my time at the Abbey. Their prayerfulness, love of Christ, and devotion to the students and their community have taught me a lot about the kind of man that I want to be."



**Ben Safranski '06**

Troy Reed - Class of '07: "In life there are certain means to every end. My desire is to become one with Kristen while working towards a blessed end. My hope is to rise when I fall and to level with her standings. Similarly, my intention is to fulfill my life with Him, who breathes life into creation. My experiences here at the Abbey and friendship with Kristen bring me to Grace, for her and for Him, these are the means to my every end."

Kristen Stephens '08: "How great is He who blesses us and unites us? We are prepared by the Abbey experience, which empowers us to grow academically, socially and spiritually. Through this experience it has opened doors and brought more opportunities for us to prepare for the future with help and guidance from Him."





Brad Baker enjoys a slushie in the Quad while reading a thought-provoking book.



^ Abbot Placid Solari and Donella Haywood converse at Campus Ministry's 'Dinner with the Monks'



> Cheerful Santa Redavid smiles for the camera during Casino Night.



# Student Life In the Scene



^ John Rossi enjoys the sunshine in the quad at Jimmy Buffett Day.

> Troy Reed hands Dirk Janssen the MVP award for the freshmen basketball tournament.



Slip~N~Slide! A favorite pastime of bored college students everywhere...

# New Beginnings

Welcome to a new year! Each new year brings many new experiences, and one of the most exciting events is freshmen matriculation. During matriculation the freshmen get officially inducted into the Abbey family. New faces brighten the campus as leaders of the campus meet and help orient the new students. The Crusader fair is held during orientation weekend and the fair gives students opportunities to learn about what is offered on campus and in the local area such as clubs, organizations and services.



Once students have adjusted to campus living for a few days, it's time to start classes! Abbey students choose to have a liberal arts education for many reasons. One reason is that a liberal arts education prepares you for much more than a job; it prepares you for life. By taking classes in Philosophy, History, Theology and many other diverse fields, students are more than trained to just perform a job - we are ready to think and strive for success.



>After the new students are officially welcomed to the Abbey family during matriculation, the Abbey family lets their hair down. Dr. Plecnik, Dr. Williams, Mr. Meyers, and Mr. Brosnan are seen here after matriculation participating in Casino Night.





< Sean Dunne cuts a rug with Amy Morris while Dennis Dotson woos Janeen Paprota with his dancing skills.

> Troy Reed and Kristen Stephens - one of the Abbey's most blessed couples - dance to a slow love song.



^ Santa Redavid and Marisol Aristizabal wore their most fetching gowns and danced the night away.



^ Luke Lenahan and Daniel Black sporting stunning suits while waiting for their turn on the dance floor with their chosen lucky ladies

## Presidents' Ball

The Presidents' Ball on September 10, 2004 kicked off a great new year filled with hopes and dreams. We were all introduced to our new president, Dr. William Thierfelder, and his lovely wife, Mary. Dr. Thierfelder presented the ball along with Student Body President, Luke Lenahan. Everyone was dressed to the nines in all their finest.



> Stephanie Whorton gives Bradley Baker a few pointers on the delicate art of sliding down a dish soap & water-soaked tarp at Jimmy Buffett Day.

After a long day's work, SGA President Luke Lenahan proceeds to get some well-deserved shuteye.



"Hey, are you gonna eat that?" Sean Dunne quizzically asks of Mary Heuser during dinner in the Quad.

> Crusaders felt like they were in Margaritaville as the DJ spun hits from Jimmy Buffett and other artists.



# Church Life



Come Unto Me...

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Abbey Basilica is at the center of the campus. Here many students also find the center of their spiritual lives, participating in the Sacraments and the daily prayers of the monastic community. There are also opportunities for deepening one's faith outside of the Basilica - taking an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship nights, and Lectio Divina with Br. Agostino, to name a few.

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*"Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it in thanksgiving; at the same time, pray for us, too, that God may open a door to us for the word."*



Many seek peace and prayer in the grotto under the loving eye of Mary, as little St. Bernadette did over 150 years ago.



"Boy, you're on to serve today!" - If you're an alter server or lector, you've probably heard from this man at 6:00 A.M...



The Blessed Sacrament... according to Pope John Paul II, "The source and summit of life for the Catholic."



# Daily Life



< Students enjoy a leisurely afternoon in the Quad.

Priscilla Kelly and Santa Redavid enjoy a break in between classes in the student lounge on the second floor of Stowe Hall.



^ Students watch the presidential debate in hopes of guidance on who to vote for in the upcoming election.



> The 2003-2004 Homecoming queen, Elizabeth Elliott, preparing to relinquish her crown, receives moral support from sophomore Lisa Brown.





< During one of the 2004 Presidential Debates, students gathered at Maurus Hall to cheer on their candidate while undecided students heard first hand how each candidate stood on issues.

v A leisurely stroll with friends through the Quad during autumn.



>Brad Baker and Ben Safranski working on yearbook and wondering if it will all come together.



^ The Abbey Players working hard during rehearsal for "Godspell."



< Monica Yantes, Tony DeCaro, and Michael Tracy just hanging around



< Danny Butler curls up with Edgar the Duck for a nap after a hard day of classes.

>Elizabeth Elliott, Mamie Kruse, and Betsy Cunneen during a retreat in the mountains.







Brad Baker points out to John Rossi that you can tell time by the sun... but only if you have cool shades.



^ Noemi Santana and Bernie Fagarang work dilligently as Abbey Ambassadors.



> Jessica Sells is happy that she gets to boogie down at the Presidents' Ball.



# Organizations

## In the Club



Joe Firmin takes pleasure in casino night fun before he soon leaves for Guatamala to be immersed in the Spanish language. Casino night was hosted by CUB.



Some regulars of the Haid from the International Club delight in the ability to speak their native tongue with friends of the same cultural background.



The Zetas and Phi Kappas demonstrate what it means to be brother and sister Greek organizations.

# *Student Government Association*



Standing: Monica Davis, Brendan Crawford, Dennis Feehan, Luke Lenahan (President '04), Brandon Williams (Secretary), Thomas Plecnik (Vice President & Treasurer '04; President '05).

Middle Row: Dennis Hendricks, Amy Morris, Erin O'Neill, Rachel Hoffman, Andrew Gilmour, Meredith Maher, Daniel Arguello.

Sitting: Sara Rodgers, Pooja Pardhanani, Erin Mock, Angela Kisbey-Green.

Not pictured: Chip Luempert, Andy Reeves, Jenny Rollins, Amy Shash, Emily Toy, Sean Tubridy.

# Legion of Mary



Members: (left to right) Michael Tracy, Augustin DuSablón, Allen Rogers and Sean Dunne.  
Not pictured: Ree Latham (President), Leslie Christiansen, Shana Williamson and McKenzie Armstrong.

Begun in 1921, the Legion of Mary is now a worldwide apostolic organization of Catholic men and women who place themselves under the banner of Mary, Queen of the Legion. With the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, they strive to develop greater spirituality in their lives while practicing the spiritual works of mercy. Their purpose is for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

The Legion setting follows the Roman Army whose members were called Legionaries. The local/parish unit of the Legion is the praesidium. A set of Praesidia form the Curia and so on. The international headquarters, Concilium, governs this worldwide organization from Dublin, Ireland. The Commander of this Army is Mother Mary herself, who wishes to see all her children closer to her Son. Her Legionaries bring the Good News to all they meet.

~ from legionofmary.org

The Statue of Mary with the baby Jesus, which we pass on our way to the commons, sits at the very center of the campus. This is an everyday reminder of the closeness to Jesus that Mary has and that she wants for us.



^ Sean Dunne helps Allen Rogers find his place in the weekly reading. The ideas from the weekly reading are developed in discussion.



# Abbey Ambassadors



^ Bernie Fagarang works hard as an Ambassador, performing office work and giving campus tours.



>Ambassador E-Board: Brandon Williams, Jessica Taylor, Ditta Osmami, Patricia Carroll, and Connor Toomy.



< Noemi Santana taking a moment before starting a new project during her office hour. Noemi is one of many Abbey Ambassadors who help with tours and office work in the Office of Admission.

## Dance Team



Standing: Jovonda Gates, Diana Gonzalez, Dyana Licenziato, Mamiky Molebatsi, Beryl Oloo, Lawana Mack

Kneeling: Emily Carl, Lydia Washington, Christina Graves, Tara Miller

## International Club



Standing: Lorena Prekulaj, Noemi Santana (Secretary), Brenda Arroyo, Sarah Lang, Adam Morrison, Martina Bergrath, Stephanie Garcia, Daniela Ortega, Daniel Arguello (President), Dr. Gabriella Tarazona-Sevillano

Kneeling: Beryl Oloo, Angelica Velasquillo, Nichole Mondell, Kristina Svirskaitė, Kinga Cichawa (Vice President), Gabriela Arguello



# Campus Ministry



< Ruth Payne (Director of Campus Ministry), Fr. Kieran Neilson (Chaplain), and Corein Brown (Assistant Director of Campus Ministry) bring support out onto the soccer field during Homecoming weekend.

During the academic year, Campus Ministry offers opportunities for sacramental celebration including Eucharistic liturgies, reconciliation, RCIA, prayer experiences, programs of faith development and spiritual enrichment, as well as opportunities for community outreach and fellowship.

v Alter Servers: Michael Tracy, Andrew Achter, Brendan Haight, Allen Rogers, Austin Scott, Ben Safranski, and Sean Dunne.



^ Corein Brown directs the RCIA program. Here she discusses questions about the faith and the Church with Christina Wilson.

> Sr. Jane Russell during RCIA. RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - where students can ask questions about Catholicism and begin the road to communion with the Catholic Church.



# Brothers in Christ, Sons of Mary

## Men's Household

Freshman Michael "Emeril" Tracy cooks up an Italian feast during retreat on his home turf in Charleston, SC.



"Hey, what's going on? Wait a minute, this isn't going in the yearbook, is it?!" - Sean Dunne waking up to a bright early morning during the retreat.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

The Brothers in Christ, Sons of Mary Household on retreat in Charleston, SC. They express brotherhood by praying together, doing service projects, quoting "Dumb and Dumber," and doing various other good and wholesome things. Standing: Tim Hetzel, Anthony Flora, Tony DeCaro, Allen Rogers, Michael Tracy, Sean Dunne (Vice President), and David Vignolini. Crouching: Andrew Achter, Ben Safranski (President), and Brendan Haight. Not pictured: Dennis Hendricks and Joe Firmin.



"When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son," and to the disciple, "Behold your mother." From that time on, the disciple took her into his home."

*John 19:26-27*



# Delta Tau Delta

"Committed to Lives of Excellence"

Brother Mark Shepherd picking himself up from the "slide of doom" which claimed the energy of many of the students.

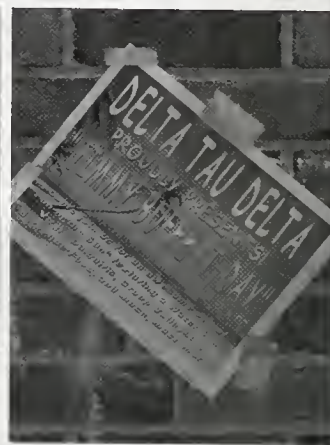


Brothers John Rossi and Mark Shepherd consult on the best way to tackle the massive slide while minimizing physical injury.



Far Above: Alumnus and Brother Rob Rodite and fellow alumnus Matthew Hamilton hang out under the letters during the homecoming festivities.

Above: Brother John Rossi sends his love to the camera in his own special way.



## Delta Tau Delta - "Brotherhood Sustains Us"

Delta Tau Delta's Jimmy Buffet Day was a smash hit this year with food, music, and a day of enjoyment. As a blue tarp covered the lawn between O'Connell and Poellath dormitories, so too did the revelry, as students and brothers alike enjoyed virgin daquiris and slip down a soap-soaked tarp for one moment of enjoyment within the cramped college lifestyle.

Below: Taking a break from Jimmy Buffet Day, brother Bradley Baker gets some cool refreshment to beat off the late summer heat.





# ALPFA

Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting



^ (From left to right): Angelica Velazquillo, Noemi Santana, Brenda Arroyo, Lilia Garrat, Sarah Lang, Gabby Arguello, Daniel Arguello and Kinga Cichawa

"ALPFA provides many programs and benefits to aspiring Latino students interested in accounting, finance or related career professions. Benefits of student membership include access to scholarship opportunities, skills development workshops, networking with key hiring professionals and sponsors, and discounts on various ALPFA events."

~from [www.alpfa.org](http://www.alpfa.org)

# Phi Kappa Theta

"Give, Expecting Nothing Thereof"



< Being a Phi Kap doesn't stop at graduation...

> Phi Kap Jack Seaman takes service to heart, caring for a dog down on his luck.

v Phi Kaps at the Christmas party for children (Andrew Welsh, Jack Seaman, Chris Meale, and Billy Kennedy. Not pictured: Michael Gentzkow).



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Phi Kap Pride!



"Phi Kappa Theta strives to assist in the formation of men, who upon graduation, will be capable of making significant contributions to the development of a social order."

- From The Journey to Excellence

Famous Phi Kappa Theta Alumni

His Holiness Pope John Paul II  
President John F. Kennedy  
Paul Allen, Co-founder of Microsoft Corp.  
Bob Hope  
Ed McMahon  
Paul Allaire, President of Xerox Corp.  
Eugene McCarthy, U.S. Senator, MN



< Walking the dog isn't just a yo-yo trick for these Phi Kaps! The members of Phi Kappa Theta have really gone to the dogs. Members volunteer at a local animal shelter and help with some pups.

# Tau Kappa Delta



Jessica Armstrong, Erin Mock, Erin O'Rourke, Erin Morrison, Erin O'Neill, Meagan Peterson, Rachel Hoffman, Melissa Littlewood, Jenny Gray, Angela Gaetani, Amy Shash, Erin Jankowski (not pictured: Janeen Paprota, Carly Raimondo, Laura Presing, Meredith Maher, Angela Kisbey-Green)



# Rotaract Club



Front row: Denise Anello, Christina Wilson, Gianina Gare, Kinga Cichawa

Back row: Sean Dunne (President), Mike Henderson, Brian Duckworth, Ms. Carol Teeter (Adviser)

"Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are usually community-based or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club making them true "partners in service" and key members of the Rotary family.

Through the Rotaract program, young adults not only augment their knowledge and skills, but they also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service."

~ [www.rotaract.org](http://www.rotaract.org)



# The Bradley Institute

for the study of Christian culture at Belmont Abbey College

"The Bradley Institute for the Study of Christian Culture at Belmont Abbey College was founded in June 1996. Sponsored by Belmont Abbey College, the Institute supports the mission of the college by fostering an understanding of the Catholic intellectual heritage and by advancing the truths of Christian thought and an appreciation of their unique impact upon the development of Western culture. These opportunities for the exchange of ideas, experiences, problems, concerns, and remedies will positively affect and influence both the personal and professional lives of the Institute's participants. The work of the Institute is of particular importance at this time since the Christian culture that has nourished our civilization for many centuries is nowadays under attack."

[www.bradleyinstitute.org](http://www.bradleyinstitute.org)



Some topics from this year's Bradley Institute lectures:

John K. Rosemond - "The Electronic Babysitter: Television and Your Child"

Ms. Marcia Newman - "A Taste of Servant Leadership"

Rev. M. John Farrelly, O.S.B. - "The Holy Spirit: The Ultimate Dynamism of The World and History"

William K. Thierfelder, Ph.D. - "Sport and Virtue"

< Dr. Robert Preston, an Abbey alumnus (and Abbot Placid Solari's Brother-in-Law!) checks over the wine-and-cheese spread before a Bradley Institute event. The food is almost as good as the talks!

Named after Father John P. Bradley, former President of the College, and directed by Dr. Robert Preston (also a former College President!), the Bradley Institute brings respected and renowned speakers to Belmont Abbey College to give interesting and informative talks to Abbey students, faculty, and members of the surrounding communities.

< Mr. John Rosemond, a nationally-renowned expert on parenting and child psychology, gives a talk on the effects of television on a child's developing mind.

v Abbey students have a front-row seat for another great Bradley Institute. From left: Meredith Maher, Emily Toy, Caitlin Sanaga, Leslie Christiansen, Emily Carl.



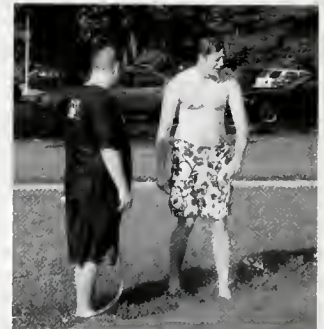


# The Fr. Felix Hintemeyer Program for Catholic Leadership



What does it mean to be "a Hintemeyer?" It means to follow in the footsteps of Fr. Felix Hintemeyer, OSB, the first prior of Belmont Abbey. Fr. Felix gave his life in service of Christ and the Church at Belmont Abbey. That is what "the Hintemeyers" try to do - live a life of service to the college community and the greater world at large, while coming together to form bonds of friendship and grow deeper in the spiritual life.

The "Hintemeyers" are involved in all kinds of ways at the Abbey, on and off of campus. Here, Hintemeyer Mark Shepherd (right) discusses the fine points of Catholic leadership (or is it Slip-n-Slide technique?) with John Rossi (left).



From left to right: Sean Dunne, Program Director Ruth Payne, Ben Safranski, Elizabeth Elliott, Liz Spelz, Jenny Gray, Emily Toy, Jenny Gareis, Mamie Kruse, Lisa Brown, Betsy Cunneen. Not pictured: Mark Shepherd, Stephanie Whorton, Ree Latham, Michelle Pazzula.



# Faithful Daughters Household



Sitting: Jenny Garies, Emily McKay, Emily Carl, Emily Toy, Kate Matthews (Alumni of BAC and FDH)  
Standing: Lisa Brown, Amy Morris, Theresa Turner, Liz Spelz, Amanda Harbort, Mary Kate O'Rourke  
Not pictured: Jessica Hanson and Katelyn Rennie

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

## Our Lady of Good Counsel



^(from left to right) Brenda Arroyo, Nikki Mondel, Ann Cook, Kristie Robertson, Sarah Lang and Betsy Cunneen.

# College Republicans



Standing: Dr. David Williams (moderator), Bradley Baker, Daniel Moose, Dennis Dotson (Chairman), John Bailey, John Rossi, and Michael Tracy. Kneeling: Donella Haywood, Monica Davis, and Amy Morris.

"It is not the critic that counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but he who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great devotion; who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails while daring greatly, knows that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls, who know neither victory nor defeat."

~Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), 26th US President, Republican~



# Belmont Abbey

## Literary Club



< Mary Heuser, Vice President of BALC, loves to sit and read to broaden her mind and has to tear herself away from a good book in order to have time for her regular studies.



^ Brad Baker is all smiles since BALC decided to focus a session on military history.



^ Stephanie Garcia, President of BALC, insists that being able to read something "for fun" breaks up the continuous studying that comes with maintaining the high academic standards she sets for herself.

BALC Yearbook E-Committee - Standing: Ben Safranski, David Vignolini, Bradley Baker.  
Sitting: Donella Haywood, Stephanie Garcia,<sup>33</sup> Jessica Sells.

# Cheerleaders

> Like a little danger with that cheer? Our girls know that high-flying stunts get the crowd going - and with their hard work and dedication they hit the mark!

v Santa Redavid, a second-year member of the squad, brings it on with her cheer-itude.



^ One of the newest members of the squad, Maria Jose Torres, is all smiles during the BAC vs. Queens game.



^ The cheerleaders use sideline chants and cheers to get everyone to yell their loudest in support of our team.



# Ready ? OK !

< The home game versus Coker brought the revival of the Abbey mascot, the Crusader, a.k.a. freshman Chris Sharman. Chris pumps up the crowd and the players along with the talented cheerleaders.



< Lydia Washington and Monica Davis show spirit and make a joyful noise for our basketball teams.



^ Cheer Squad:(Back)Coach Tony Sigmon and Moderator Rebecca Hethcox; Cheerleaders (standing): Lydia Washington, Monica Davis, Amy Morris, Maria Jose Torres and Jessica Taylor. (Kneeling): Katie James and Santa Redavid. (Sitting): Jenny Rollins and Katelyn Rennie.



# Abbey Players

## *The Taming of the Shrew*

The Abbey Players began in 1883 as an academic theatre for Belmont Abbey College students and staff to learn and enjoy the craft of performance. With the addition of the Belmont Community Theatre in 1990, AP/BCT now brings together the Gaston and Belmont Abbey communities for thought-provoking dramas, gut-busting comedies, major musicals and an annual Shakespeare series.



"Theatre brings us together, cast, crews and audiences, and anything that brings us together is a good thing!" Simon Donoghue- Theatre Director



*The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare  
September 24 - October 2, 2004.

The 2004-2005 Shakespeare Series Play, this early comedy is both wildly funny and controversial. Baptista (Dr. Mike Mcleod), a wealthy merchant of Padua, seeks to give the hand of his daughter Bianca (Besty Cunneen) in marriage to one of many eligible suitors, but there is a problem. His younger daughter cannot marry until her elder sister finds a husband, and that won't be easy; Kate (Lisa Kay Cox) is a shrew! The desperate father and would-be husbands engage Petruchio (Christopher Donoghue) to marry the shrew, and even harder, tame her. Can he? Should he? Does he?

# Abbey Chorus



< Members of the 2004-2005 Abbey Chorus include (from left): Sr. Jane Russell, Catherine Mobley, Liz Janson (front row); Bernie Fagarang, Laura Espenshade, Meagan Fahy, Jessica Hanson, Dyana Licenziato (middle row)  
(Men's chorus) John Jacob, Bobby Sipula, Austin Scott, Dr. Robert Jones.



v Karen Hite Jacob  
Organist for Belmont Abbey Basilica (Monastery and College), director of the Abbey Chorus, lector in music (music appreciation instructor, private lessons) and Coordinator of Arts at the Abbey - BAC's annual concert series.



During the Christmas chorus concert, many people came together to put on a great show. As seen here, Julia Gunter, Director of Adult Admission for ADP, plays Silent Night on the flute. Her husband Dale Gunter, an ADP professor, also joined the show with his awesome sax playing.



Student instrumentalists that played during the Christmas concert included freshman Garrett Langford (left) and junior Ben Safranski (center).





# Crusaders for Life

March for Life  
Washington, DC - January 24, 2005

Every year since 1973, pro-life activists have congregated in the nation's capital on or near the anniversary of the tragic decision in the case *Roe v. Wade* to legalize abortion-on-demand in the United States. This year, as in many past, the Abbey's Crusaders For Life organized a trip to Washington to participate in this peaceful protest.



Top: Betsy Cunneen, Assistant Campus Minister Corein Brown, Brenda Arroyo, Anne Cook, and Campus Minister Ruth Payne are all smiles, despite the cold.

Middle: Junior Austin Scott, ready to march.

Bottom: President Thierfelder and Abbey students Brendan Haight, Sean Dunne, and Brad Baker in front of the Supreme Court building, the final destination of the march.



Thousands upon thousands of pro-life protesters flooded Constitution Avenue as the march proceeded from the Washington Monument to the Supreme Court building. Whether Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or simply pro-life, all had one thing in common: a desire to make the nation hear a cry raised on behalf of those who cannot cry for themselves. The lives of over 40 million pre-born children have been taken in the U.S. by abortion since the *Roe v. Wade* decision was handed down on January 23rd, 1973. That is a staggering one in three children during that time.



# *Quotes for the ages*

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"I wouldn't get in a knife-fight with Emily Dickinson if you paid me."

- Dr. Russell Fowler, English

"Smooth brain not good." - Dr. Janette Blandford, Philosophy

"Dusting is good, but it's not the equivalent of writing a great novel."

- Dr. Eugene Thuot, Political Science

"There is no time and space in a dog."

- Dr. John Plecnik, Philosophy

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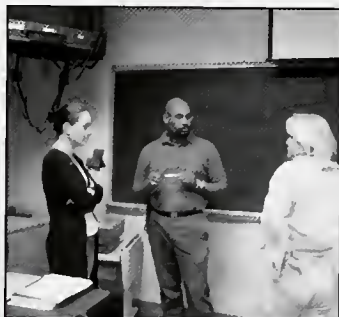


< 3 of our distinguished professors (Drs. Plecnik and Williams, and Mr. Myers) having an intense academic discussion at the poker table.

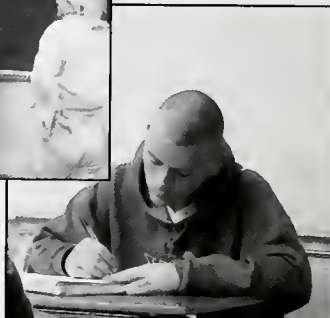




Dr. McGee teaches passionately about the French revolution while students intensely take notes.



^ADP students chat with Mr. Murray, a part time faculty member, right before a Marketing class.



>This devoted student doesn't miss a word while taking notes for history.

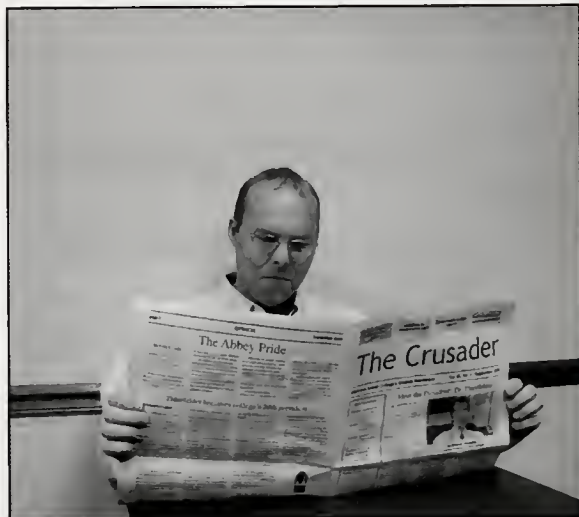
# Academics

## In Class



^ Jessica Taylor studies outside right before a class during the nice end of summer weather.

> ADP student Brian Mumpower catches up with campus news before class starts by reading 'The Crusader'



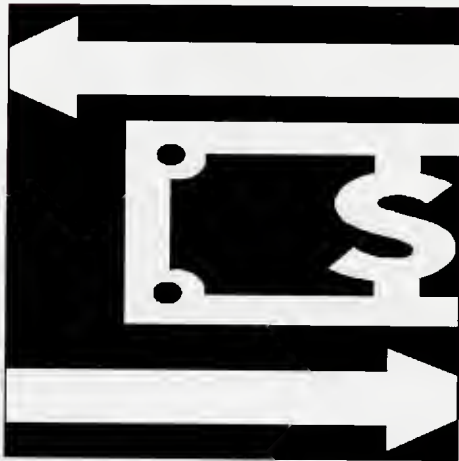
<The three musketeers of Biology!  
Dr. Reilly, Dr. McLeod, and Dr. Baker  
chat together after a press  
conference.





< Ms. Lynne Shoaf and Dr.  
Angela Blackwood,  
Professors of Accounting

# Accounting



Sean Dunne '05, Accounting Major - "My studies in the Accounting department have inspired a true interest in critical thinking, problem solving and all around working with numbers. I will never look at my TI-89 the same way again!"



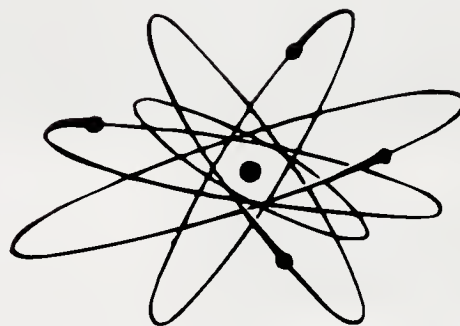
Accounting is the language of business and, as such, is a communication process. A strong liberal arts, accounting, and business background provide the necessary communication skills to be successful. An appreciation of a sense of ethical, social and public responsibilities is fostered. Theory and application are integrated to develop the ability to think, exercise judgment, and make decisions in a complex and rapidly-changing business environment.

# Biology

> The display cases in the Science building have many different things in them. From geodes to fossils... even little dinosaurs!



^ Dr. Sheila Reilly, recipient of 2003-2004 Adrian Faculty Excellence Award, and Patrick Sutton, Biology grad '04, enjoyed many biological talks and trips with other biology majors and faculty throughout the years. Biology majors participate in trips in order to do field studies.



v Dr. Michael McLeod



v Dr. Elizabeth Baker

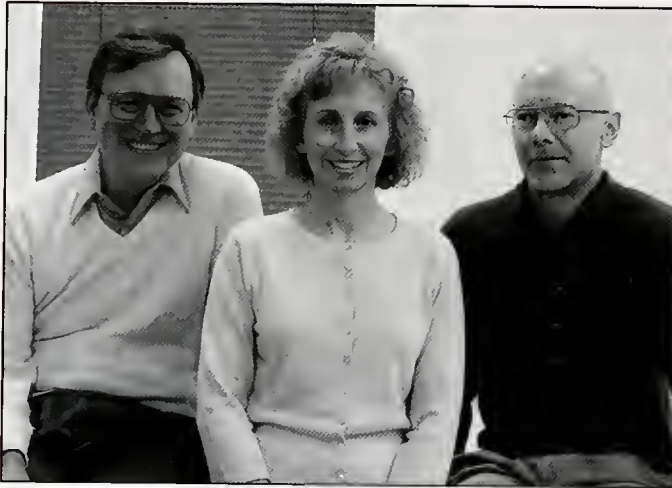


v Mr. Robert Tompkins



Humans, as individuals and as members of society, are biological systems and participants in biological phenomena. The Biology Department believes that a knowledge of biology is necessary to understand the natural world and the role of humans as components of that world. The accurate dissemination of knowledge about the diversity of nature is seen as an integral component of a liberal arts education, which seeks to understand better the broad panoply of human experience.

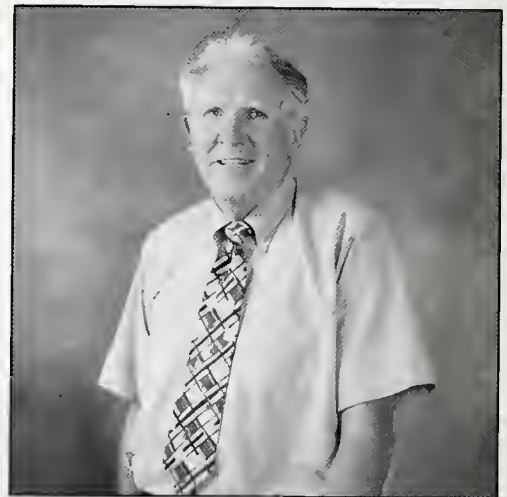
# Business Management



< Professors in the Business Department include: Dr. Robert Stokes, Ms. Carol Teeter, Dr. William Van Lear (also EC), and Dr. Michael Reidy (seen below). Some Economics classes are also considered Business classes, such as Money and Banking- making it easier and more fun to double major!

Business Management courses develop knowledge and skills in effective communication practices, critical thinking, intelligent problem solving, informed decision making, and responsible action.

The focus on communication, critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, and responsible action expresses the intrinsic connection between professional preparation and a liberal arts education.



## SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Coordinator: Michael Reidy

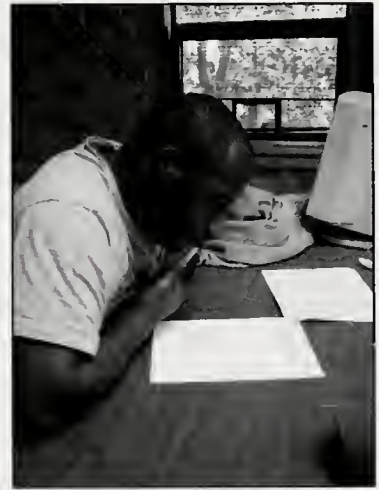
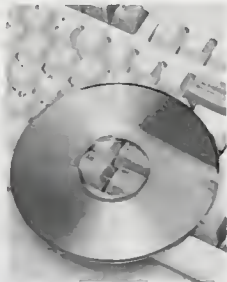
The sports industry is global, and the Sports Management major educates students to work in a highly competitive environment. The field of sports management is complex, and requires legal, business and management knowledge and skills, as well as the broad liberal arts education given to all Belmont Abbey students. Professionals in sports management will have to find creative ways to meet the needs of their various constituencies.



# Computer Information Systems



^Mr. Gupta explaining the finer points of computers. All students must take a computer course as part of the core or test out of the introductory level course. The exception is that of CIS majors - who hopefully already have a grasp of the basics!



^Daniel Black defragments everything he has learned in the semester as he takes his final.



As a CIS major, be prepared for a few ADP classes - and to allow Dr. Lover, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Gupta to install the knowledge you need to excel in your field.

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C:\Myers\Teach\CIS

# Economics



^ Dr. William Van Lear prepares his lessons for class. Dr. Van Lear says that "students find economics to be interesting, relevant and challenging." This is quite true - some students have switched to majoring in economics, taken additional economic classes as electives, and even continued their economics education in graduate school.

v Mr. Stanley Dudko, an alum of BAC and one of our beloved professors, teaches economics. Mr. Dudko (also once the soccer coach at the Abbey) is known for his wit and his unique fashion sense - it's like a Haid Party every day for this economist!



Programs in Economics aim at providing a comprehensive understanding of economic theory and its application to issues such as the productivity of resources, business cycles, economic institutions, and the determination of income and employment. Because an education in Economics develops analytical reasoning through formal modeling and historical interpretation, Economics majors receive strong preparation for graduate study in Economics, law school, or MBA programs. The knowledge and skills developed by studying economics are used in problem solving, decision making and policy applications throughout business, government, banking and non-profit organizations; thus the Economics major prepares students for interesting careers as well as for graduate work. Oral and written communication are especially important in course work for a major in Economics.

# Education



< "This year has provided us with many new challenges and opportunities that will allow us to continue to improve and expand our established program."

-Ms. Pam Wilson



The primary mission of the Department of Education is the preparation of teachers who are liberally educated, professionally competent, personally and socially mature, and acutely aware of the responsibilities and privileges entailed in their involvement with public and private education. Influenced by the Benedictine heritage of the college, all teacher education programs also seek to develop the student's understanding of the nature of community and of the teacher's role as a community builder.



The capstones of many of the education classes are in class presentations made by the students. As seen above, many of these are thought-provoking and time-consuming, while also a joy to take part in and attend.

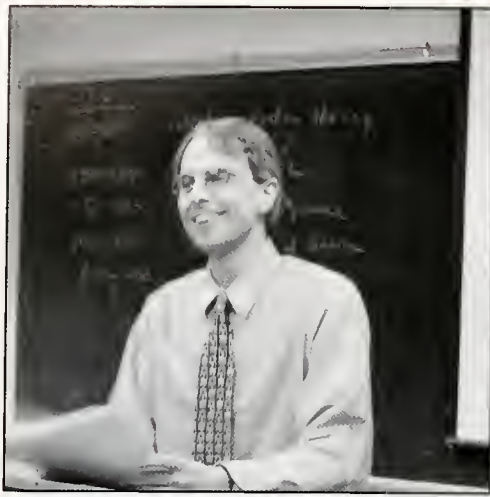
v "I think the Education Department is a great department for people who want to become teachers, and the professors are the best for this major."

-Caitlin Sanaga

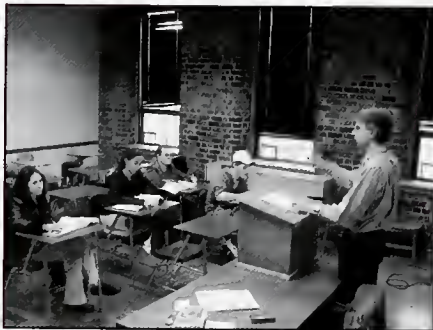
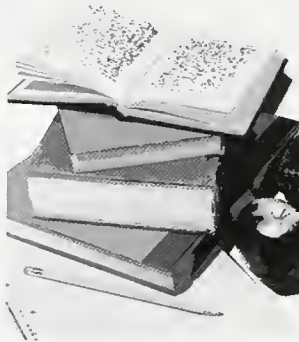


^ A typical day in the education department includes many discussions about different methods of teaching, such as this one in Ms. Tyson's "Introduction to the Exceptional Child" class.





^ Dr. Martin Harris not only teaches English, but is also the Advsier of the Crusader, our college newspaper, which is availble online as well as in print issues throughout the year. He is also the Faculty Athletics Representative.

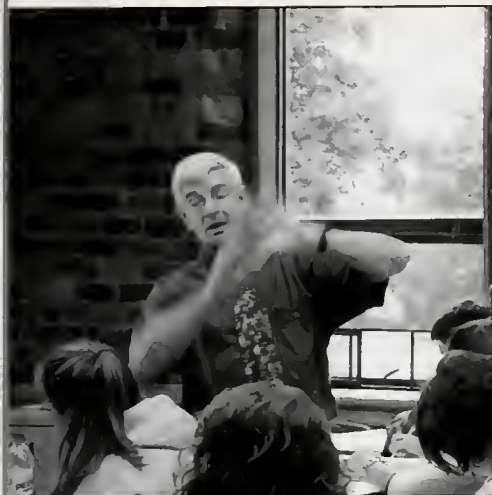


# English



^ Dr. Mary Ellen Weir has organized a special summer study abroad trip to England, which includes learning at Oxford University.

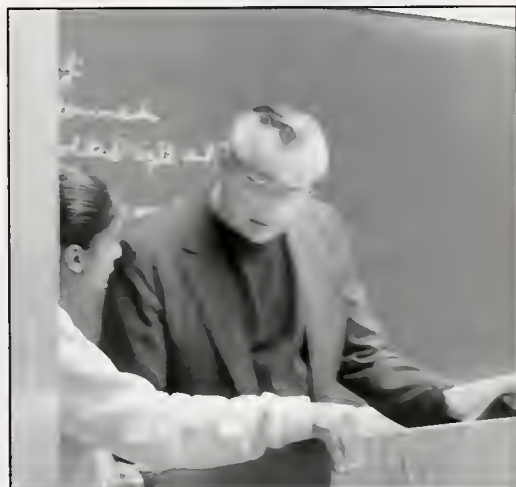
Do you like to read? Do you love literature? Then you may be an English major! The English department pursues the central goals of a liberal arts education by studying the most illuminating literary works of Western culture. English students develop critical skills and the ability to organize information, form conclusions and express ideas persuasively.



"History is the window to the world." - Dr. Edward McGee. Dr. McGee is one of the most eccentric individuals you will ever meet during your academic career. His love of history exudes from his very person and makes his classroom a true home for history majors and non-History majors alike.

# History

"All good things in moderation" - Dr. Peter Critikos. Dr. Critikos is a sort of walking enigma on the Belmont Abbey campus. He is the embodiment of the very word "history;" his own life and experiences speak of how history affects all of us in such profound ways.



At Belmont Abbey College, you can feel the history from the moment you step onto the campus - and if you don't - there are a few people who can help you: namely, Dr. Edward McGee and Dr. Peter Critikos.



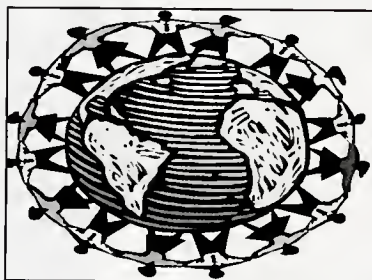
"To study history is to examine the collective human consciousness." - Bradley Stephen Baker

# International Business



"International Business has been a great experience, both in the classroom and in the real world. I have seen how the world works firsthand through my study abroad."

-Shane Wood '05



^ Dr. Jim Giermanski (seen above with daughter) is a professor and the Director of International Business Studies. He consults often on international transportation, border logistics, and trade matters involving Mexico. Dr. Giermanski has frequently been invited to testify on NAFTA before the U.S. Senate and House, the Texas Senate and House, the EPA and the U.S. International Trade Commission. He has been published extensively on transportation and trade issues in publications such as the *Journal of Commerce*, *El Financiero*, *Traffic World* and *Transport Topics*, and he regularly writes for the *International Insight* column in *Logistics Management*.

## *It's a small world after all . . .*

Whether we embrace it or not, we cannot deny it, nor hide from its existence: business will continue to be internationalized. The International Business Studies program fuses the traditional liberal arts education with a rigorous international business curriculum. Graduates of the program have a passport in their pocket, speak a foreign language, undergo cross-cultural experience outside the United States for at least one semester, complete an 18-hour block of special international business courses, successfully write a final paper reviewed by both internal faculty and outside readers, and complete an international business practicum with an international firm - all this while meeting the other requirements of the liberal arts tradition.



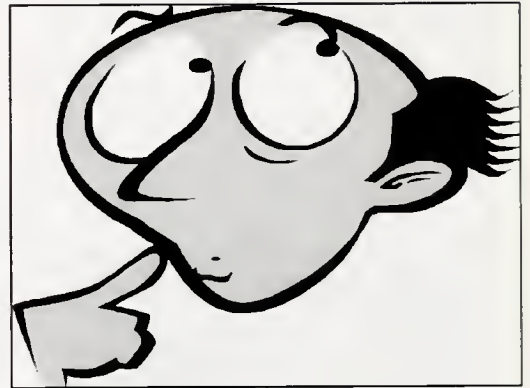
# Philosophy

*Noun (from Greek)*  
*Philo: "to love"*  
*Sophia: "wisdom"*



^ Dr. John M. Plecnik: "This world would drive me crazy if it weren't for the Logos and Logic."

The Department of Philosophy seeks to provide a broad knowledge of the history of philosophy and its basic issues and areas, as well as to promote habits of critical analysis. The department stresses breadth of knowledge and depth of analysis; to that end, it encourages students to study the systematic courses of logic, ethics, metaphysics, and epistemology. With a mind broadly informed and critically trained in the major program, and nurtured on the heritage of the liberal arts in the core curriculum, the philosophy graduate will be excellently prepared for many different professions, especially those demanding rigor, breadth, and versatility of mind. The program prepares for graduate study, and later, the teaching of philosophy at the college level, as well as for the study of religion and theology in seminaries and schools of divinity. Because of its unifying and critical function among the branches of knowledge, philosophy, when appropriately supplemented by relevant disciplines, also provides unique preparation for the graduate study of any science, human, social, or natural, where theory and its human and moral implications matter the most. With a major in another area of interest (the Department strongly encourages double majoring), the philosophy major will also be exceptionally well equipped for careers such as journalism, law, government, education, computer science, and high-level management.



## Famous Philosophers, Famous Quotes

"The unexamined life is not worth living."  
 -- Socrates

"For knowledge is itself power."  
 -- Francis Bacon

"Life must be lived forward, but can only be understood backward."  
 -- Soren Kierkegaard

"Know thyself."-- Thalse Miletus

"Nothing can be created from nothing."  
 -- Lucretius

"If you would be a real seeker after truth, you must at least once in your life doubt, as far as possible, all things."  
 -- Rene Descartes



ADP student Courtney English prepares for her evening Logic class to begin. Who wouldn't be all smiles?



Dr. Jones, Dr. Sevillano, and Dr. Thuot share a satisfying moment after taking part in graduation.



# Political Science



Junior Stefanie Wharton approaches Dr. Thuot before class to discuss recent political issues.



The principal goal of the Department of Political Science is to assist students in becoming thoughtful human beings and enlightened citizens. This objective is pursued primarily through careful reading and analysis of great books by political philosophers as well as important political documents and statements. As a discipline existing in a liberal arts college, Political Science is broadly understood. It is concerned with a general understanding of the important questions, issues, and facts of political life as well as the specific ordering of human life in communities of the past and present. Because such matters need to be the subject of life-long study, departmental faculty attempt to develop the analytical skills needed to build a solid basis for continuing reflection, and seek to offer students a sense of the complexity of both perennial and contemporary political problems.

# Psychology

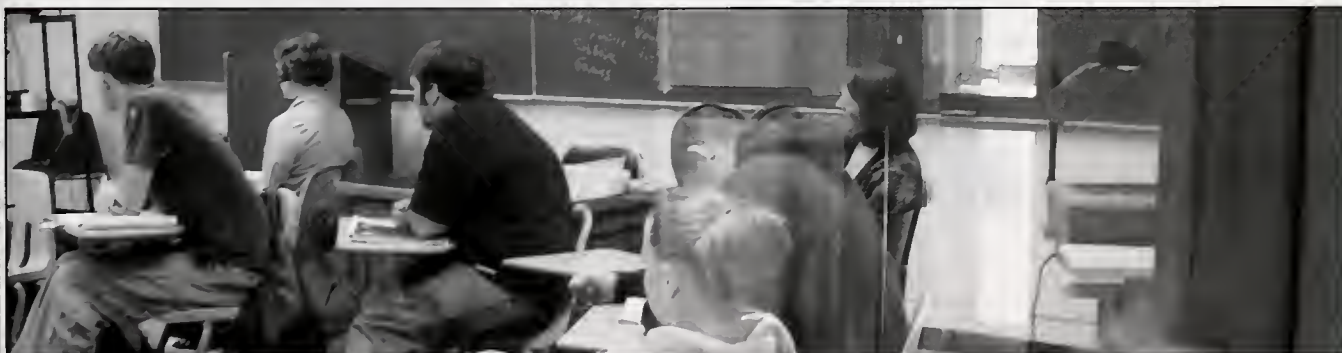
v Dr. Nathalie Côté, recipient of the 2002-2003 Adrian Faculty Excellence Award, teaches courses such as Introductory Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Neuropsychology, Testing and Assessment, Statistics, and Research Methods. Her interests aside from teaching include reading fiction, gardening, yoga, good conversation, traveling, and trying new things like whitewater rafting, hypnosis, foods, and different kinds of music. And, to top it all off, she speaks French and English.



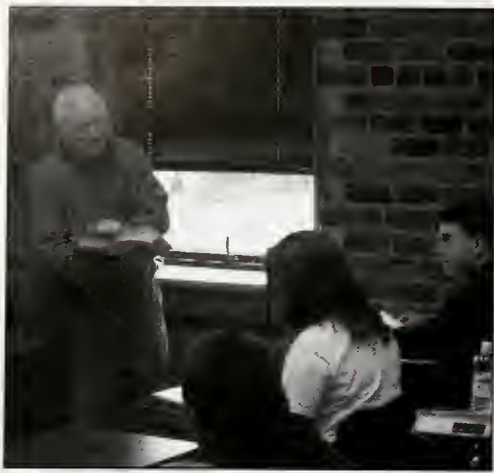
Each year, senior Psychology majors gather at a party with Dr. Nathalie Côté and Dr. Ann Calhoun-Sauls and "leave a little of themselves behind." Each senior creatively chooses a body part to imprint on a poster for the department to have in order to remember them. Some seniors have chosen feet, hands, elbows, and yes, even a belly button! This closeness that the students have with the professors really shows what being a part of the Abbey family means.



Being a Psychology major assures you of receiving preparation for graduate programs as well as the training necessary for success in the professional workplace. Psychology is a broad field of study involving scientific research about all aspects of human nature with applications in business, law, medicine, sports, and education as well as mental health and human services. Psychology majors are encouraged to apply their classroom learning through internships and other volunteer or paid experiences.





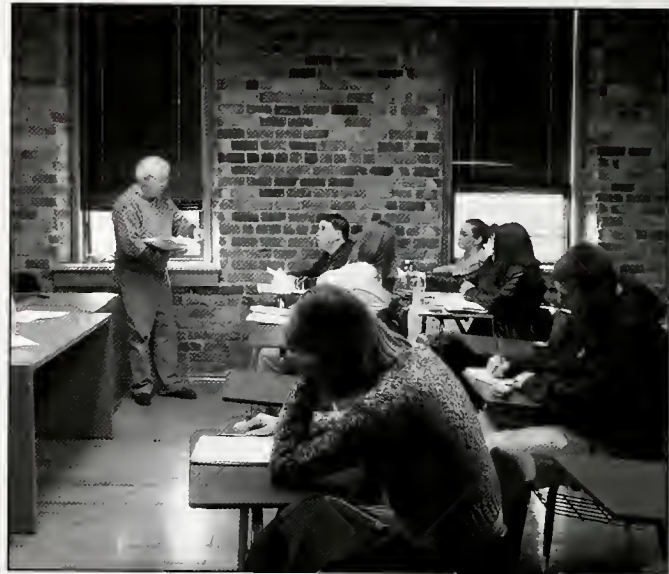


"Pavlov, does that ring a bell?"  
Dr. Peter Lodge

Sociology is concerned with human social and group behavior. It concentrates on the social interaction and organization of people, deviant behavior, social order, and social change. The study of sociology contributes to an understanding of the underlying structures and dynamics of modern society. The Department of Sociology provides an opportunity for students to learn the sociological interpretations of the human experience. Moreover, by contributing to a better understanding of the variation in human existence, sociology will heighten the students' awareness of their own life choices by putting those into an appropriate social and cultural context. Although many of our students pursue careers in sociology, departmental offerings are designed to support students in a variety of occupational endeavors, including social services, criminal justice, social research, medicine, and industrial relations.

# Sociology

Dr. Lodge leads an exhilarating discussion for his class, "Foundations of Social Science."



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."  
~ Helen Keller



If you've had a class with Sr. Jane Russell, OSFS, the chairwoman of the Theology department, you've probably been treated to a musical delight. At some point in the course of every semester, Sr. Jane likes to supplement her theological insights with an appropriate song. Though she encourages the entire class to sing, this powerful alto is always the dominant voice.



# Theology



"People say God, money, and politics are the only things worth talking about.

Do theology right, and you can get all three in one."

Dr. David Williams,  
Associate Professor of  
Theology



Among academic subjects, Theology is one of the few that causes students to think about the big picture and their place in it. These students are obviously rapt in deep contemplation.





Shane Wood exchanges a quick handshake with a teammate during a men's soccer game.



Hearts pounding, crowds roaring, and scoreboards buzzing - that's right, fans, it's another year of Abbey Athletics!





# *Sports*

## *In Motion*



Abbot Placid and members of the women's Cross Country team cheer on our men's team during the homecoming invitational.



The silent patience of an Abbey athlete sets us apart in the southern division.



Within the blink of an eye or the roar a crowd, victory or defeat can be achieved.

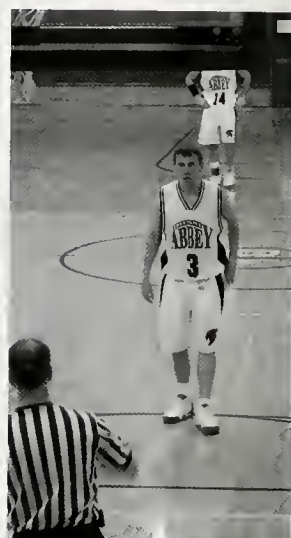
# Men's Basketball



< Steve Smith #23, a freshman Business major from Alexandria, VA, plays point guard.

v Steve Williams #3, a sophomore from Adelaide, Australia, concentrates on making a free throw.

v The team huddles during a timeout during a game so Coach Kuhl can work out some strategy.



Bottom Row (from left):  
Anthony Bell, Steve Williams,  
Greg LaVann, A.J. Hargrave,  
Steve Smith

Top Row (from left): Head  
Coach Dale Kuhl, Damien  
Humphrey, Rafik Missak,  
Rafael Moreira, Maurice Jones,  
Karl Bauzo, Assistant Coach  
Jason Williams, Assistant  
Coach Stephen Miss

Not pictured: Mansour Diagne



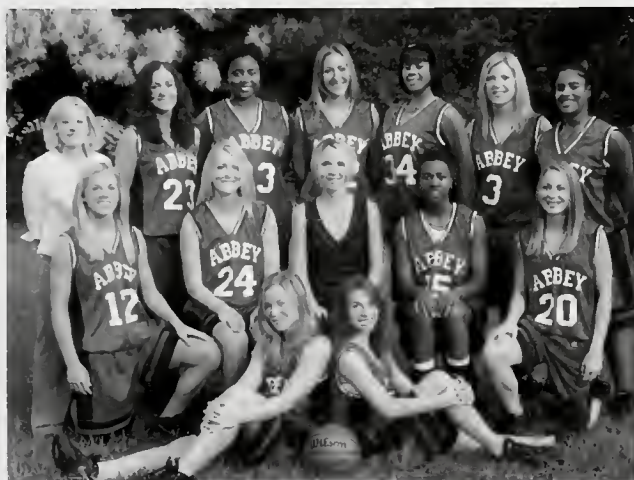
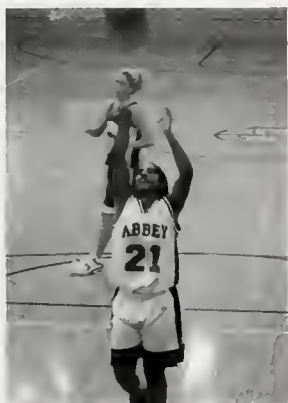
# Women's Basketball



^ Team members wait for their turn on the court.

> Nicole Woods #21 shoots a free throw for one point more.

v Whitney Robinson #12 preparing to box out her adversary.



Bottom Row (from left): Jeannette Johansson, Alison Petrin

Middle Row (from left): Whitney Robinson, Heather Schlepner, Head Coach Missy Tiber, Jervorah Whitfield, Adrienne Iannone

Back Row (from left): Assistant Coach Adrienne Harlow, Valorie Bennett, Christal Smith, Alison Starkman, Sierra Madison, Debra Wilcox, Nicole Woods



# Men's Cross Country



During the Cross-Country homecoming invitational, our men's team came in third overall, with freshman John Holtz coming in first. This was a tremendous boost to the homecoming morale as many of the visiting alumni enjoyed their tremendous effort.



From left to right:  
Garrett Langford,  
Logan Beytagh,  
John Holtz, Jack  
Remington, Will  
McGinnis, Cody  
Angell, Jack  
Seaman, and Coach  
Paul Shanley,  
O.S.B.



The Women's Cross Country team, lead by Coach Br. Paul Shanley, is composed of dedicated runners like Natalie Ashby (right), Meredith Maher (below) and Melissa Littlewood (bottom-right). Angela Kisbey-Green ran the fastest time of her career, finishing fourth overall and helping to lead the team to a third-place finish at the Belmont Abbey Invitational on Homecoming Saturday.



# Women's Cross Country



From left: Amanda Cloninger, Hannah Rhyne, Theresa Turner, Meredith Maher, Natalie Ashby, Angela Kisbey-Green, Melissa Littlewood, Br. Paul Shanley, OSB (coach).



# Baseball



^ Throw that ball!



^ #26 Ian Gibson, Senior infielder

v The baseball team in the dugout.



| #  | Name             | Yr | Pos    |
|----|------------------|----|--------|
| 2  | Michael Gegorek  | Fr | IF     |
| 3  | John Rossette    | Jr | IF     |
| 4  | Blake Eppes      | Fr | IF     |
| 5  | Alex Udwari      | So | OF     |
| 6  | Josh Haire       | So | IF     |
| 7  | Daniel Cayton    | So | C      |
| 8  | Jason Cline      | So | LHP    |
| 9  | Michael Raymond  | Fr | RHP/OF |
| 10 | Seth Waller      | Fr | IF     |
| 11 | Terry West       | Fr | OF     |
| 12 | Patrick Atwell   | Fr | OF     |
| 13 | Michael Rue      | So | RHP    |
| 15 | Jonathan Goodman | So | IF/P   |
| 16 | Bo Norwood       | Jr | OF     |
| 17 | Trey Summerlin   | Fr | RHP    |
| 18 | Daniel O'Brien   | So | C      |
| 19 | Robert Yero      | Jr | OF     |
| 21 | Derek Brown      | Sr | IF     |
| 22 | Zach Kappler     | So | RHP    |
| 23 | Chris Brake      | Sr | C      |
| 24 | Ryan Sansevero   | Jr | IF     |
| 25 | Nathan Craig     | Fr | OF     |
| 26 | Ian Gibson       | Sr | IF     |
| 27 | David Rue        | So | RHP    |
| 28 | Bobby Palsa      | So | OF     |
| 30 | David Heath      | Jr | RHP    |
| 31 | Andrew Helms     | Fr | RHP    |
| 32 | Wesley Leary     | Fr | IF     |
| 34 | Matt Kmet        | Jr | RHP    |
| 35 | Clayton Donahoo  | Fr | RHP    |





# Softball



^ Sophomore Santa Redavid #5, a native of Brooklyn, NY and outfielder.



^ Freshman Abby Threatt #2, native of Mint Hill, NC, also an outfielder.

v Junior Cameron Greene #14, a native of Charlotte, NC starts at short stop and also pitches.

v Senior Stephanie Spink #8, native of Delray Beach, FL- first basewoman.



Bottom Row (from left): Santa Redavid, Abby Threatt, Jessica Inman, Sara Rodgers, Kelly Schafer, Danielle Dodd, Kristen Taffi

Back Row (from left): Leigh Carter, Amy Sturch, Shallyn Duffy, Cameron Greene, Carla Mastro, Stefanie Spink, Monica Halligan

Not pictured: Coach Lee Swanson

# Men's Tennis



Aaron Miller, Connor Toomy and Andrew Gilmour show their skills on the court.



2004-2005 Mens Tennis  
Team: (Left to right): Andrew  
Gilmour, Connor Toomy,  
Aaron Miller, Jimmie Whitman,  
Enrique Gonzalez, Rodolfo  
Cardoso.



# Women's Tennis



v D'Ondra McGee, freshman,  
plays in the number one position.



^ Lekesha Bell, freshman,  
concentrates and has fun at  
practice.



2004-2005

## Lady Crusaders



Emily Arthur



Lekesha Bell



Ray Ann Fisher



Heather Henesey



Priscilla Kelly

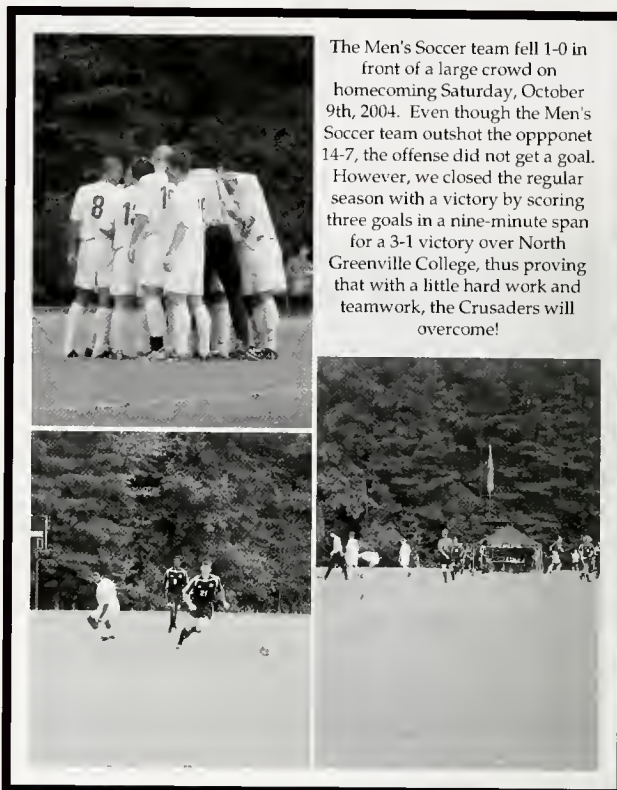


Laisha Lentz

|                    |    |                     |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|
| Emily Arthur       | Sr | Boiling Springs, NC |
| Natalie Ashby      | Jr | Naples, FL          |
| Lekesha Bell       | Fr | Gastonia, NC        |
| Lisa Brown         | So | Spartanburg, SC     |
| Pierina Cangialosi | Fr | Greensboro, NC      |
| Ray Ann Fisher     | Jr | Phoenix, AZ         |
| Donella Haywood    | Jr | Mount Holly, NC     |
| Heather Henesey    | Fr | Flagstaff, AZ       |
| Priscilla Kelly    | So | Hilton Head, SC     |
| Laisha Lentz       | So | Chambersburg, PA    |
| D'Ondra McGee      | Fr | Houston, TX         |
| Elle Speicher      | Fr | Stahlstown, PA      |



# Men's Soccer



The Men's Soccer team fell 1-0 in front of a large crowd on homecoming Saturday, October 9th, 2004. Even though the Men's Soccer team outshot the opponent 14-7, the offense did not get a goal. However, we closed the regular season with a victory by scoring three goals in a nine-minute span for a 3-1 victory over North Greenville College, thus proving that with a little hard work and teamwork, the Crusaders will overcome!

Front Row (From left):  
Adam Kremer, James  
Rone, Ben Hardy, David  
Marshall, Sean O'Connor,  
Seth Lowther, Christian  
Ocampo, Ricky de Triquet,  
Kenny Weese, Brian  
Souza, Kieron Kennedy.

Back Row (From left): Sal  
Cornetta, Nick Wyatt,  
Thomas Conrad, Rodolfo  
Cardoso, Dirk Jansson,  
Will Fuqua, B.J. O'Brien,  
Shane Wood, Paul Loli,  
Luis Arrieta, Head Coach  
Charles Morrow.



The Lady Crusaders Soccer team, lead by reigning CVAC Coach of the Year Scot Wieland, had a great year in the division. Mid-fielder Daniela Ortega remarked, "This year, the team has great new talent that will bring new strengths to our strategies and bring us all closer together as a team."



# Women's Soccer



Front Row (from left): Bianca Alvarado, Megan Green, Jennifer Grimes, Victoria Young, Erin Kolb, Diane Stanback, Laisha Lentz, Katherine Bogie, Kaile Silva, Aiyana Jackson, Lekesha Bell, Eileen Hogan, Lacey Sorenson, Ray Ann Fisher.

Back Row (from left): Julia Palumbo, Jillian Barnes, Lauren Strebler, Tia Pantano, Head Trainer Shawna Wood, Assistant Coach Tatum Bourque, Head Coach Scot Wieland, Assistant Coach Emily Davis, Assistant Trainer Dana Hurt, Lisa Perrotta, Heather Henesey, Daniela Ortega, Lindsay Megill.



# Volleyball



The Lady Crusaders Volleyball Team, led by Coach Lee Swanson, is one of the most well-kept secrets in our division. Coach Swanson is returning to lead our Crusaders for a second season and is showing much promise for future victories.



Kneeling: Sarah Halligan, Lisa Farmer, Lydia Johnson, Mallory Adkins.

Standing: Monica Halligan, Peggy Ploeger, Latoya Gordon, Priscillia Kelly, Lara Propst.

Seated: Coach Swanson's kids, Easton and Nicholas.





Matt Chidester, freshman, will major in Business... was two-time ME-CA 8 Conference first-teamer and two-time All-Mecklenburg County... was ME-CA 8 Conference Player of the Year in 2003 and was runner-up as a senior... advanced to North Carolina state 4A championships as a junior and senior and was Harding HS Athlete of the Year as a junior... was named Charlotte-Mecklenburg Junior Golf Association Player of the Year in 2002.



### Team Results

1. UNC Pembroke.....301-301--602
2. Catawba.....302-303--605
3. Belmont Abbey.....303-304--607
4. Pfeiffer.....302-306--608
5. Belmont Abbey 'B'.....306-307--613
6. Berry.....310-304--614
7. Wingate.....326-298--624
8. Queens.....312-321--633
9. Anderson.....312-325--637
10. Newberry.....325-316--641
11. St. Andrews.....330-314--644
12. Pfeiffer 'B'.....321-324--645
13. Mt. Olive.....325-321--646
14. Mars Hill.....334-315--649
- UNC Pembroke 'B'.....329-320--649
16. Presbyterian.....330-324--654

# Golf



Bottom Row (From left): Alex Brown, Rick Audette, Bobby Davis, Elias Esparza, Ian Price, Will Wilson.

Back Row (From left): Assistant Coach Chris O'Shea, Ryan Bates, Kevin McPherson, Kent Cherry, Josh Virant, Bobby Sipula, Matt Chidester, Tony DeCaro, Head Coach Doug Ehmann

# *The Spire's Crusader of the Year*



The Crusader of the Year award is given by the Spire staff to a student that has shown outstanding performance academically and spiritually; who possesses a character that is consistent with the values and ideals that come with a Benedictine education.



## *Sean Dunne Class of 2005*

This year's Spire staff feel that Sean "Irish" Dunne, a Business and Accounting major from Lighthouse Point, FL, exemplifies what an Abbey student should be: he is a top-notch student, member and officer of more clubs than you can count, well-known to everyone from the youngest freshman to the oldest monk. He is likely to be seen nearly every day studying hard for a test, attending daily Mass, and making people laugh with his jokes and stories (not to mention his impressions). Congratulations to Sean Dunne, the Spire's 2004-2005 Crusader of the Year!



# People In the Crowd



The lovely Stephanie Spink and Derek Brown - 2004 Homecoming Queen and King.

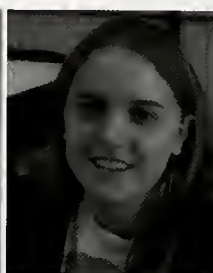


Fall is always a beautiful time to go for a stroll at the Abbey...

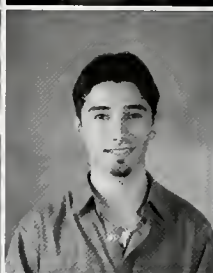


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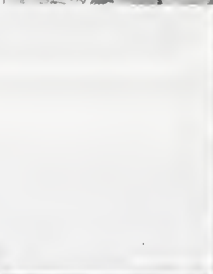
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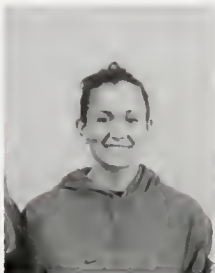


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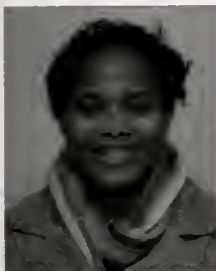


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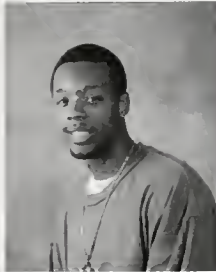




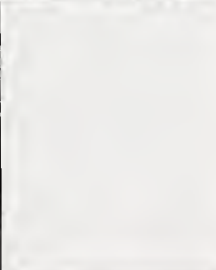
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Jason Burgess  
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Juan Calderon  
Tiffany Callahan  
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Pierina Cangialosi  
Rodolfo Cardoso  
Meagan Carey



Patricia Carroll  
Latonya Carter  
Kent Cherry Jr.



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Leslie Christiansen



Kate Coleman  
Chris Cone  
Kyle Conrad



Ann Cook  
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Betsy Cunneen







Trina Dacus  
Monica Davis  
Tony DeCaro



Danny Delgado  
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Dennis Dotson



Brian Duckworth  
Jimmy Dudley  
Shallyn Duffy  
Sean Dunne



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Gabe DuSablon  
Elizabeth Elliott

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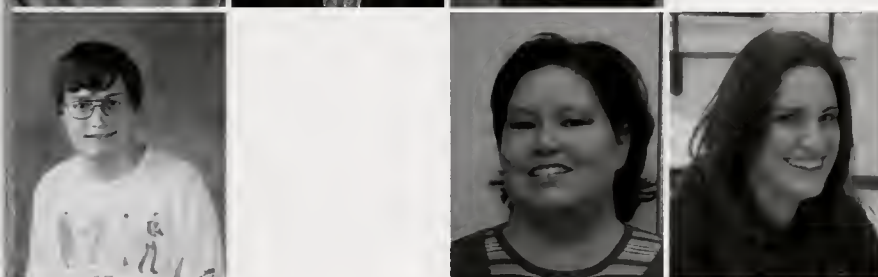
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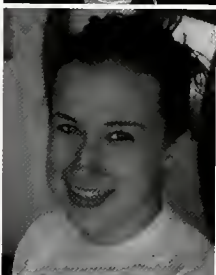
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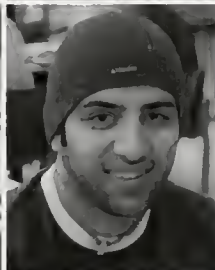


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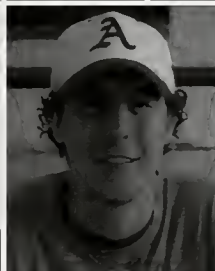
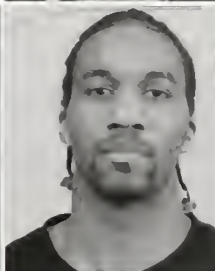
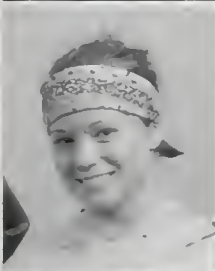




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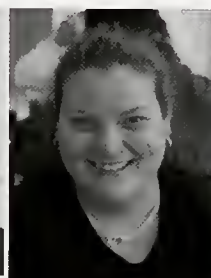


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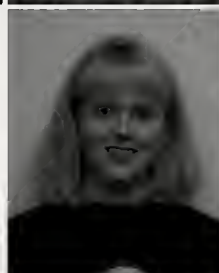
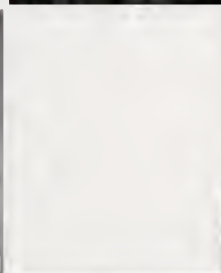
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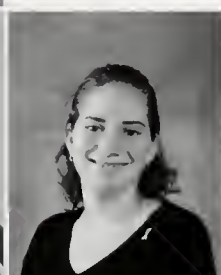




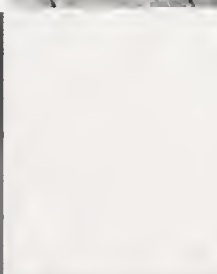
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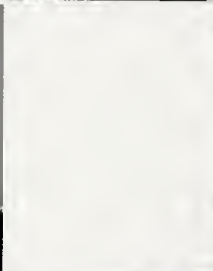


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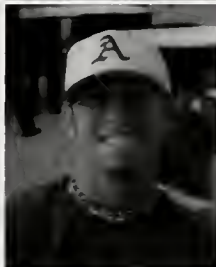


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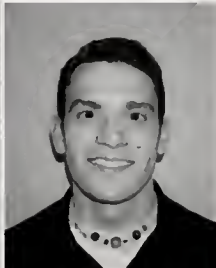
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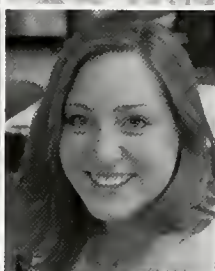
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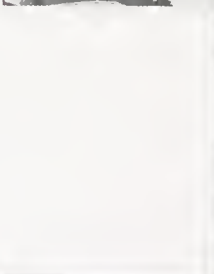
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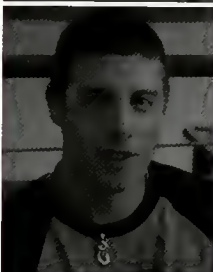
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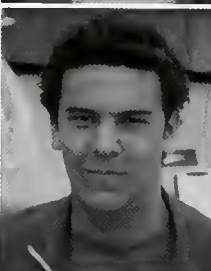
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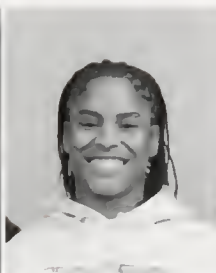
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The official Belmont Abbey College  
ring.

# *The Spire's Professor of the Year*



*Dr. John M.  
Plecnik*

The Spire's Professor of the Year Award goes to an outstanding teacher - not just someone who instructs, but who teaches, not only a subject, but real life lessons. Dr. Plecnik repeatedly states, "Make your own mistakes, don't make mine." Dr. Plecnik, a humble man, who shows true Benedictine spirit is considered one of the Abbey's most challenging, yet fun professors. Some students say that their heads hurt coming out of Dr. Plecnik's class, not from confusion, but from really using their brains. Every class is filled with thoughtful lectures and great stories. Ever a caring teacher, he has been known to seek out students who leave class looking distraught just to make sure they're ok. Congratulations, Dr. Plecnik!

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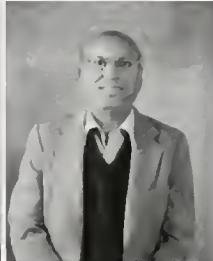


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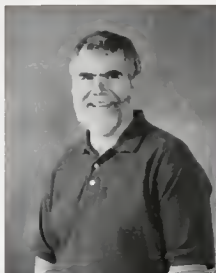
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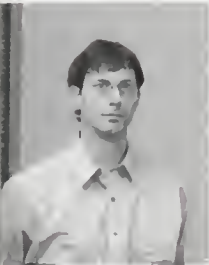
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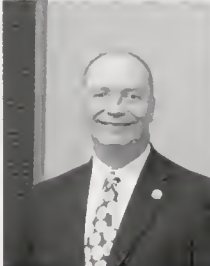
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Ms. Megin Vickers



Ms. Erin Walker  
Mr. Scot Wieland  
Dr. David Williams



Mr. Shaun Williamson  
Ms. Shana Wood  
Mr. Bill Woody





# *Congratulations Sean*



*You have accomplished so much already. God has blessed you with humor, wisdom, energy, leadership and compassion for others while always displaying the biggest smile. God will continue to guide you as you pursue your dreams and goals in life, making you "His Crusader."*

*Love,*

*Dad, Mom, Marty,*

*Brian and Patrick*



# Congratulations LWA Scholarship Recipients



Dr. Carol Brooks and Dr. Gabriela Sevillano proudly present to the Abbey family the recipients of the the Latin American Women's Association schoolaship: Katherine Cardenas, Noemi Santana, Gianina Garrett, Stephanie Garcia, and Angelica Velazquillo.



Winners of the LAWA scholarship for Latin American women who wish to continue their education are first-year recipient Katherine Cardenas, and second-year recipients Stephanie Garcia and Gianina Garrett.



Members of the Hispanic community, Gianina Garrett, Stephanie Garcia, Angelica Velazquillo, Katherine Cardenas, and Noemi Santana, are happy to represent the Abbey family.






# Check The Belmont Abbey vs. Queens



Women - 5:30

**Belmont Abbey  
Crusaders**  
Vs  
**Queens University  
Royals**



**BASKETBALL  
GAMES**  
*Saturday*  
**January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Women's Game 5:30**  
**Men's Game 7:30**

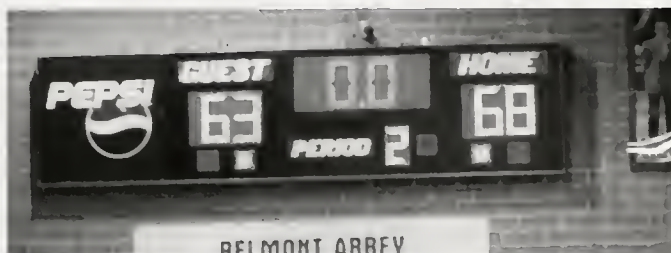


You can't argue with the numbers!  
The girls' game, as you can see from the scoreboard, wasn't even close. The Lady Crusaders dominated practically every minute of the game, holding the Lady Royals to a paltry 32% shooting from the field! Nicole Woods led the Abbey to this smashing blowout with 26 points. Way to go, ladies!



# Scoreboard !!

## January 15, 2005 - The Wheeler Center



Men - 7:30



Down to the wire!

The Abbey men, who came into this game as the underdogs, faced much tougher opposition from the Royals. Coming back from behind several times, the Crusaders were able to hold on in the end, thanks largely to the clutch shooting of sophomore point guard Steve Williams. Star senior Rafa Moreira scored a double-double (16 points, 11 rebounds) to become only the 28th player in Abbey history with 1000 career points! Way to go, guys!

# *Congratulations*

## *Class of 2005!*



~Courtesy of the Office of Admission~

The Office of Admission congratulates the class of 2005! Be sure to join the Abbey Alumni Admission Associates. AAAA members are extensions of the Office of Admission and your assistance is extremely valuable in our efforts to enroll the very best students at Belmont Abbey College.

Call 888.BAC.0110 for more information.

# Office of Admission



Top: Michael Poll  
Middle: Kathy Haynes & Kathy Shaw  
Bottom: Donella Haywood

Top: Rebecca Hethcox  
Middle: Michelle Lynch & Bill Traphagen  
Bottom: Erin Walker

"The Belmont Abbey Admission Team is dedicated to providing unsurpassed service to our family of students. Our commitment to excellence is an extension of the Benedictine values which shape the Abbey. We strive to present accurate information through open communication with our students, their families and full participation with the entire Belmont Abbey Community. These efforts will help us attract an incoming class that is eager to contribute leadership, diversity, and academic strength to Belmont Abbey College. As a team, we will continue to serve and support each other, our community, and all those who seek to be a part of this distinctive tradition of higher education."

~Office of Admission's Mission Statement

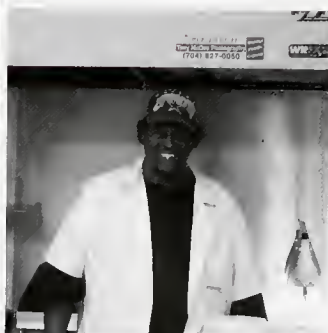
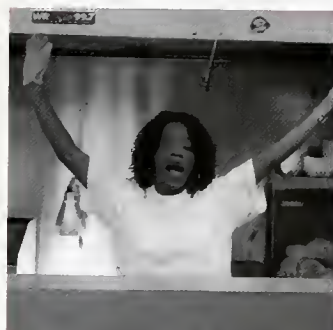


# *Service with a Smile*

## *The Haid Snackbar Staff*



< Vanessa Hoyle, Carlene Atkinson, Miss Faye Hefner and Lex Hudson are always ready to serve with a smile.



# Office of Financial Aid



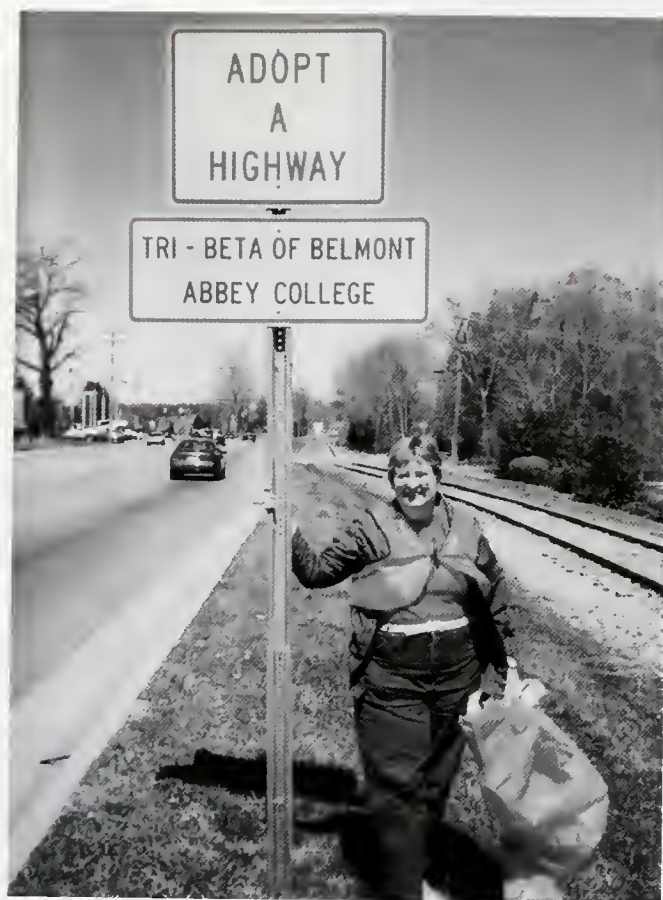
Financial Aid: ( Left to right) Anne Stevens, Gayle Butterfield, Julie Hodge and Kathy George.

# Business Office



^ (Left to right): Jeff Ingle, Trisha Barker, Julia Brown, Brandi Scott, Lynda Ellington, Mary Beth McAvoy and Jacinta Lewis.

# Tau Upsilon



^Tri-Beta members out beautifying the campus. From left to right: Tara Stone, Dr. Mike McLeod, Patrick Sutton, Jenny Nowak, Mr. Robert Tompkins, Dr. Elizabeth Baker.

<Dr. Elizabeth Baker stands proudly by the sign marking Tri-Beta's section of adopted highway near Main Street and Wilkinson Blvd.



^Tri-Beta's induction ceremony for 2004-05. From left to right: Michelle Herd, Theresa Turner, Jenny Rahilly, Chris Turner, Ash Pardhanani, Jenny Gray, Jennifer Nowak, Tamaryn Pett, Tara Stone, Haylie Clawson, Traci Flowers, Patrick Sutton.

<See, even biologists know how to have fun! The club chills for a snapshot after their "Deck the Deer" party.





# Chapter of Tri-Beta

Biological Honor Society at Belmont Abbey College



^ Daniel Arguello (top) and Tre Brown (bottom) mug for the camera after putting the finishing touches on the Science Building's Christmas tree.

v Everyone's favorite skeleton and stuffed deer pose patiently after being decked out in their holiday finest.



> Junior Biology major \*\*\*\*\* poses as Dr. Sheila Reilly makes a witty comment, probably about the human genome or ribo-nucleic acid. One can only wonder what biologists talk about when nobody else can hear...



# Library

## Work Studies



Standing: Sade Durham, Kemia Gartrell, John Rossi, Guz Cabrera, Tara Stone, and Sarah Lang  
Middle row: Robin DePascale, Barbara Neill, Lydia Washington, Ashley Bell, Jackie Mirabal  
Sitting: Jovanda Gates, Catherine Mobley, Janna Ruffner, and Amanda Harbort



^ Additional workstudies Augustin DuSablón, McKenzie Armstrong, and Luke Titus have great things to say about the library: "The Library is a great place to work. If I was not here working every afternoon, I would probably be in my room sleeping - not exactly wise use of my time." - Augustin. "Miss Maggie is the best boss and I really enjoy working here." - McKenzie. "The Abbey Library, it's the cool place to be!" - Luke.

## Staff



< Sitting: Wendy Parker, Tiffany Murph, Maggie Anderson, Vickie Jenkins

Standing: Julie Fisher, Jim LaMee, Megin Vickers, Don Beagle

# Alumni and Development Office



> (Top row): Fran Piñeros, Gayle Dobbs,  
Monte Monteleone.  
(2nd from top): Aaron Condon, Debbie McDowell, Dr.  
Carol Brooks.  
(2nd from front): Teresa Sowers, Michael Pressimone.  
(Front row): Trudy Schrod, Peggy McGlohon.



"The Abbey has inspired me to be myself for the glory of God and His Kingdom."

Br. Michael Boes '02 (left)

"Belmont Abbey educates the total person: mind, body and spirit. As a youth minister, I mentor Catholic youth using these same fundamental principles. It was such an honor to come back and participate in the Alumni activities. I had so much fun seeing the monks, the professors and the brothers of Alpha Phi Omega. Many of my life-long friends are from the Abbey. It is fantastic knowing that I am a part of such a rich heritage. The Abbey will always have a special place in my heart."

Angela Caruso '97 (right)

"The Abbey has done more for me than I could ever repay. For this, I am thankful to the Abbey Community, especially the monks. Also, thanks to my father, who is a 1969 Abbey grad, for exposing me to the Abbey."

Aaron Condon '99 (center)



# *A Touch of Belmont Abbey History*

Shortly after the Civil War, the Caldwell Place, a tract of some 500 acres in Gaston County, North Carolina, was purchased by the Reverend Jeremiah O'Connell, a missionary priest. It was his desire that this tract be accepted by a religious community which would develop on it an institution for the education of youth. At the request of Bishop (later Cardinal) James Gibbons of Richmond, Virginia, the Benedictine monks of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, agreed to accept the land and to found a community and school. On 21 April 1876, the Reverend Herman Wolfe, O.S.B., arrived to take possession of the property. The young foundation became an independent abbey on 19 December 1884, with the Right Reverend Leo Haid, O.S.B., being elected the first abbot on 14 July 1885.

The College was chartered as St. Mary's College by the State of North Carolina on 1 April 1886. The College's name was changed to Belmont Abbey College in 1913.

Reorganized as a junior college in 1928, it became a senior college in September 1952. In 1972 the College became coeducational for resident students.

Belmont Abbey College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the B.A. and B.S. degrees. A member of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Schools, Belmont Abbey College is on the approved list of the American Medical Association. Its degrees are accepted by graduate and professional schools. It is designated by the state approving agency as an institution qualified to offer training to veterans.

For further reading we suggest the following books:

'My Lord of Belmont- A biography of Leo Haid'

~ By Fr. Paschal Baumstein, OSB

'Blessing the Years to Come'

~ Fr. Paschal Baumstein, OSB and Debra G. Estes

# New Art at the Abbey



We have received some new art around campus. Maybe you have seen it? Above is the three-piece set of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica flanking Jesus and disciples (displayed in the Mezzanine). To the right is Jesus praying in the garden (science building). To the left is a crucifix with the risen Lord and the suffering Christ (Mezzanine). Below left is the Last Supper (Student Commons). Below middle is Mary and baby Jesus (first floor of Stowe Hall) and below right is the head of the suffering Jesus (Stowe Hall stairwell).



# Dr. William R Thierfelder

*Our 20th President*



^ Dr. William Thierfelder and his lovely wife Mary during the President's Ball.

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xcellence and Virtue: these two simple words have become buzz words around campus since President Thierfelder's arrival. Dr. Thierfelder believes wholeheartedly in both. Taken in its broadest sense, virtue means "the excellence of perfection of a thing". He believes that Divine Providence brought him to the Abbey. Many here believe that he is the answer to our prayers. While reading the newspaper one day, the words "Catholic" and "Benedictine" jumped out at Dr. Thierfelder; it was an ad seeking a President for a Catholic Benedictine college. Dr. Thierfelder wasn't looking for a job, but something made him cut out the ad and carried it around for several days. He soon contacted the agent in the ad. Timing was everything-but the only time each could meet was during a layover in Pittsburgh! After that meeting, Dr. Thierfelder was asked to come to the Abbey to look around. He received a tour from the same tour guide as the other candidates-and the tour guide remembers clearly that "Dr. Thierfelder was interested in more than buildings and land; he wanted to know about the people and the atmosphere--the essence that is the Abbey." Indeed there is a connection between the Abbey and Dr. Thierfelder, a connection that runs deeper than our human understanding.



# Monks

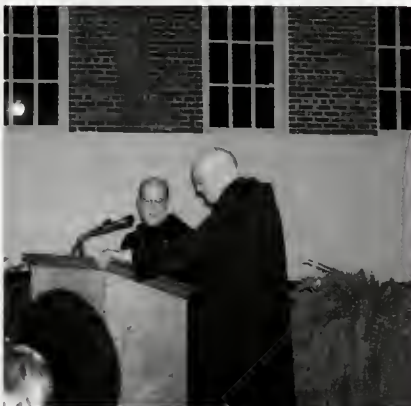
## O&B



< Br. Michael Boes '02 and Fr. David Brown chat during Homecoming.



^ Fr. David Kessinger and Michael Tracy converse over dinner in the students commons.



> Abbot Placid Solari and Fr. John Oetgen during the banquet to announce a new drama scholarship in Fr. John's honor. Fr. John was director of the Abbey Players for many years.



< Fr. Kenneth Geyer and Br. Emmanuel Slobodzin are spectators at an exciting Abbey basketball game. As anyone who hangs around the Wheeler Center knows, Br. Emmanuel is the biggest fan of our b-ball teams (and has a mean hook-shot himself)!

# *Adult Degree Program and Continuing Education Department*



^ (left to right) Debra Pruitt, Elaine Sipe, Holly Harper and  
Julia Gunter



The Adult Degree Programs (ADP) at Belmont Abbey College are designed for adults, who, because of family and work responsibilities, need to attend college in a manner other than a traditional day school program. Adult students, age 22 and older, seeking a baccalaureate degree can choose between weeknight, weekend, or traditional day course offerings to reach their goal.

# *Campus Police*

*Educate, Protect, and Serve*



^ Our Officers are: Russell DeSantis (Director of Campus Safety and Police) and Shane Starnes (Chief of Police); also, Robert Williams, Christopher Bradbury and Steven Michaels (not pictured).

The Belmont Abbey College Campus Safety and Police Department takes seriously its commitment to the safety and well being of its students, faculty, and staff.





^ (Top) Zetas Santa Redavid, Ditta Osmani and Bernie Fagarang smile for the camera during the club fair kicking off the 2004-2005 school year.

^ #23 Valorie Bennett takes Barton's defense to school.



^ Ray Ann Fisher not only plays soccer, but tennis as well!



<Rafael Moreira presides as "king" of bowling by wearing a tiara to a CUB bowling event.



^ Freshman forward Debra Wilcox from Mount Barker, Australia, shows no mercy while playing b-ball against Barton

> Senior Sean Dunne tries on his gown for graduation during 'grad fair' in Februray 2005.



^ (Top) Seniors Dita Osmani and Patricia Carroll keep Dr. Reidy company during dinner.



#14 Rafael Moreira, senior from Campinas, Brazil, keeps busy with a little defense.





# Study Abroad



Joe Firmin and Ree Latham jammin' it, Guatemala-style.



Janna Ruffner gets a rhythm lesson from one of the locals.



Joe Firmin, Ree Latham and Peter Lynch watch a game of fútbol (soccer).



# Guatemala 2004



Where are we going again?



Anthonia Franks and Janna Ruffner: "Deseamos que usted estuvieran aquí!"



Abbey students pose in front of some beautiful local architecture.



A commencement tradition - the  
Loch Norman Pipe Band  
[www.lochnormanpipeband.org](http://www.lochnormanpipeband.org)

> Amanda Frentz and  
Nora Fleming are sad  
to be leaving Belmont-  
but happy to finally get  
out there in the real  
world!

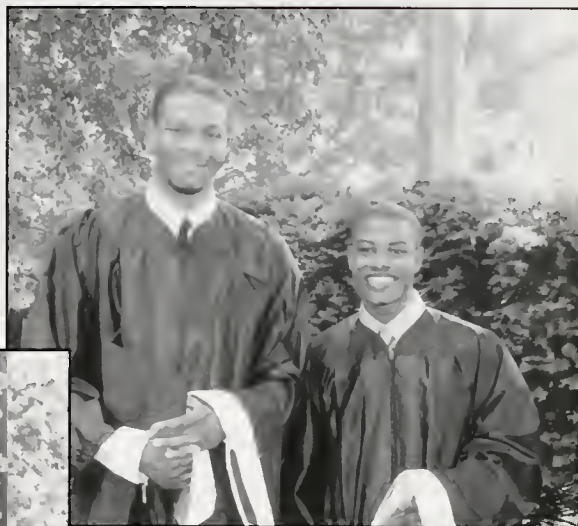


< Debbie McDowell  
'00 and friend Nancy  
Gibson '00 & '04 are  
all smiles!



# In Conclusion

## Graduation 2004



^ Grads walk with a sense of purpose to graduation.  
> (far right) John Gordon and John Adams are ready to take on the world- now that they have been prepared by BAC!  
>(near right) Markus Tell looks fondly at the abbey as a student one last time before he becomes an alum.



< Students wait anxiously for the line up down Abbey Lane before the procession to the commencement ceremony.

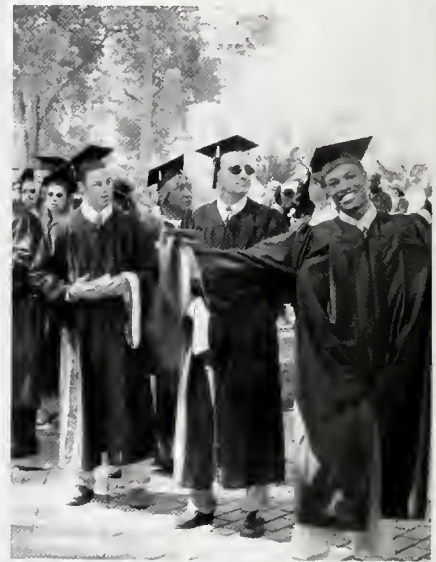


# Commencement



St. Benedict watches proudly over another batch of young men and women who have been educated for life by the Order of Saint Benedict.

v He's so excited - and he just can't hide it!



^ Belmont Abbey's Student of the Year 2004, Patrick Sutton, receives a plaque from Karen Van Norman, Dean of Students.

> 2004 Graduate Matt Newey smiles with relief as four years of studying are over... only to realize that now comes "the real world!"



*May 8, 2004*

v Mr. Michael Pressimone



^ Dr. Dean de la Motte, Academic Dean, and Abbot Placid Solari, Chancellor, lead the faculty procession.



^ Abbot Placid Solari and Charlotte's Bishop Peter Jugis

Onward marches another batch of Abbey grads - prepared by their liberal education to change the world.



# Spire Staff

Thank you, from us to you.

Stephanie Garcia - First, I thank God for all the blessings and challenges this year has brought. Donella, thanks for trusting in my abilities and giving me an opportunity; thank you for wanting a yearbook. Thanks to all the staff for putting forth a great effort. Thanks to the administrators who helped this project from the beginning and those who joined later and took it to heart. And thanks to all the people that contributed so that the Abbey can have a record of its history.



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# *And, in the end . . .*

The 2004-2005 Spire Staff would like to thank all those who have helped bring the Spire back. Without support from the Abbey family we would not have been able to succeed in this production. We heard the students, they wanted to have a yearbook- so we hope the desire continues in the years to come. We hope everyone enjoys this year's Spire and we look forward to producing the 2005-2006 edition.

"I have shown you in every way by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'."

--Acts 20:35



"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them."

-- Walt Disney

"The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life. Rarely do members of one family grow up under the same roof."

--Richard Bach

# Belmont Abbey College

## Mission Statement:

The mission of Belmont Abbey College is to educate undergraduate students from diverse religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds in the liberal arts tradition as guided by the

Catholic intellectual heritage and inspired by the 1500-year-old Benedictine monastic tradition. This heritage is sustained through fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church. Such an education provides knowledge of traditional Judeo-Christian moral principles, and prepares students for responsible citizenship and a successful career.

In pursuit of this mission, the College also provides preparation in professional studies to enable its students to face successfully the challenges of a changing society, and equip them in directing their own learning throughout a lifetime. In addition, the College provides quality undergraduate programs for which there is a demand in the local areas served by the College, and in other areas where programs are sustainable through collaborative arrangements.

In keeping with its Benedictine spirit, the College also provides the local community with educational, religious, artistic, and cultural benefits through its tradition of liturgy, theater, distinguished speakers, scholarly research, library access, athletic events, and other outreach services.



Ut in Omnibus Glorificetur Deus  
That In All Things God May Be Glorified



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